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In re application of:
Jeffers, etal DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No: 09/992,840
Filed: November 6, 2001
For: TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE
USING GROWTH FACTORS

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on September 23, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application on December 5, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned February 6, 2002

On September 23, 2003, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on December 5, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed with this decision setting forth a response period of two months from the date of the notice.

The Office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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